

# PH&N Inflation-Linked Bond Fund

## Investment Objective

The fundamental investment objective of the Fund is to generate interest income that is hedged against inflation by investing primarily in real return bonds and inflation-linked bonds issued or guaranteed by Canadian and foreign governments and corporations.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
F	No Load	CAD	RBF5650

Inception Date	June 2009
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	97.3
Series F NAV \$	8.96
Series F MER %	0.38
Benchmark	FTSE TMX Canada Real Return Bond Index

Income Distribution	Quarterly
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

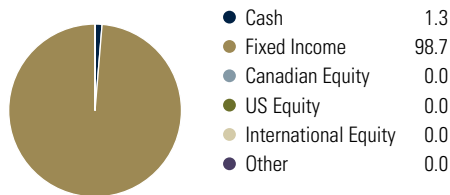
Sales Status	Open
Min. Investment \$	500
Subsequent Investment \$	25

Fund Category	Canadian Inflation Protected Fixed Income
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
Web Site	www.rbcgam.com

## Portfolio Analysis as of January 31, 2018

### Asset Mix



### Top 10 Holdings

Top 10 Holdings	% Assets
Canada Govt 4% 01-12-2031	14.2
Canada Govt 0.5% 01-12-2050	13.5
Canada Govt 4.25% 01-12-2026	12.3
Canada Govt 2% 01-12-2041	11.1
Quebec Prov Cda 4.5% 01-12-2021	10.3
Canada Govt 1.5% 01-12-2044	8.9
Canada Govt 1.25% 01-12-2047	8.0
Canada Govt 4.25% 01-12-2021	6.9
Canada Govt 3% 01-12-2036	4.6
Ontario Prov Cda 2.42388% 01-12-2036	3.9
<b>Total % of Top 10 Holdings</b>	<b>93.9</b>
Total Number of Stock Holdings	0
Total Number of Bond Holdings	16
Total Number of Other Holdings	1
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>17</b>

### Fixed Income Breakdown

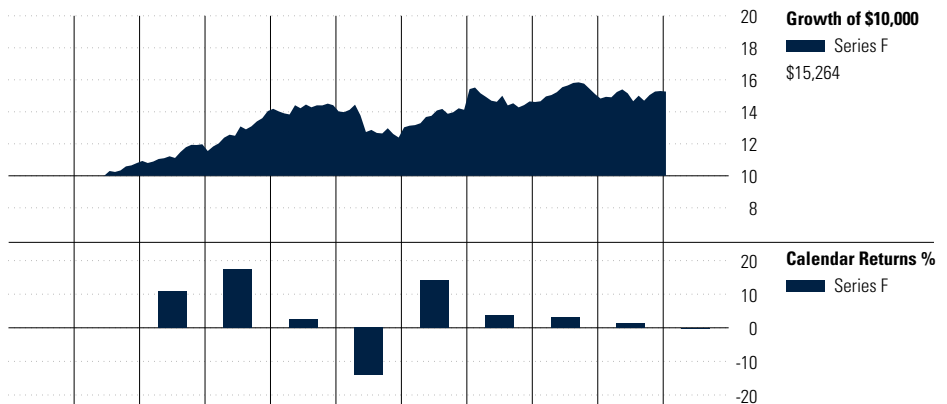
Fixed Income Breakdown	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	98.7
Corporate Bonds	0.0
Other Bonds	0.0
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.0
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	1.3
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

Bond Rating	%	Term to Maturity	%
Cash / Cash Equiv.	1.3	Under 1 year	1.3
AAA	79.7	1 - 5 Yrs	17.3
AA	19.0	5 - 10 Yrs	14.7
A	0.0	Over 10 Yrs	66.7
BBB	0.0		
Below BBB	0.0	Avg. Term to maturity (Yrs)	17.7
Mortgages	0.0	Duration (Yrs)	15.1
NR/NA	0.0	Yield to Maturity	2.4

### Geographic Allocations

Geographic Allocations	% Assets
Canada	100.0
United States	0.0
International (ex-Emerging Markets)	0.0
Emerging Markets	0.0

## Performance Analysis as of January 31, 2018



Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	YTD	Fund Quartile
Return %	—	—	10.9	17.3	2.6	-14.0	14.0	3.7	3.1	1.3	-0.2	—
Rank	—	—	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	—

Period	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
Return %	-0.2	1.4	4.1	2.9	-0.3	1.7	—	5.1	Fund
Rank	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	—	—	Quartile
No. of Funds in Category	26	26	25	25	21	17	9	—	No. of Funds in Category

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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### PH&N Fixed Income Team

With one of the largest bond desks in Canada consisting of over 30 investment professionals, Phillips, Hager & North Investment Management (PH&N IM) has been managing bonds since 1970 and currently manages fixed income portfolios according to strict quality and diversification guidelines. PH&N IM's strengths as a bond manager are directly related to its depth of resources – both people and technology – dedicated to the management of fixed income portfolios.

### Performance Analysis Cont'd as of January 31, 2018

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Total Distributions	—	2.46	0.20	0.27	0.68	0.61	0.54	0.48	0.57	0.06	—
Interest	—	2.46	0.20	0.27	0.68	0.61	0.54	0.48	0.33	0.05	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.24	0.01	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	1-2012	22.9	6-2012	12.5	2-2015	7.5	—	—
Worst	12-2013	-14.0	1-2018	-0.3	7-2017	0.3	—	—
Average		5.0		4.3		3.9		
No. of Periods		92		68		44		
Pct. Positive		72.8		95.6		100.0		

\* Distributions are characterized into income type at year-end.

### Quarterly Commentary as at December 31, 2017

Long-term real-return bond yields ended the fourth quarter approximately 0.3% lower than they started, driven primarily by cautious statements from the Bank of Canada (BoC) made early in the quarter. Bond prices move in the opposite direction of yields; therefore, PH&N Inflation-Linked Bond Fund earned solid absolute returns as a result of the Fund's sensitivity to changes in real interest rates. Headline inflation (CPI), to which the principal amount of the Fund's bonds is linked, ended November at 2.1% on a year-over-year basis. At this level, CPI is trending at the mid-point of the BoC's target range of between 1% and 3%. For investors in the Fund, real purchasing power will be maintained over the long term regardless of the magnitude of actual inflation, thanks to linkage to CPI.

The Fund's performance exceeded that of its

benchmark. Contributing to this result were tactical positions used to take advantage of inefficiencies in the real-return bond market, including price differences among the various maturities of real-return bonds. Additionally, the Fund was able to benefit from correctly anticipating changes in real yields over the quarter. The Fund's allocation to provincial real-return bonds, which enhance yield, increased to a level greater than that of the benchmark. While this is an attractive sector, a limited supply of bonds available constrains the size of these positions in the Fund. With the Fund's real yield at approximately 0.6% – still low by historical standards – the Fund remains susceptible to negative performance should real rates move higher.

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